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1. Shops for the repair and manufacture of arms for the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) have been established as follows:

- a. The Lungchow factory manufactures and repairs grenades.
- b. The Nanning factory, one of the principal arms-manufacturing centers, makes mortars, light Sten machine guns and grenades. Approximately 50 Vietnamese are currently apprenticed there.
- c. The Luc Lam factory, 3 kilometers from Tunghsing, repairs arms for the maritime zones of Tonkin, and though of less importance than Lungchow and Nanning, it is on the Hainan-Pakhoi-Fangch'eng supply route. A Soviet is director of the factory.
- d. The Mengtzu factory repairs a portion of the DRV arms from the Lao Kay area; some are sent to Nanning. Three supply routes used from Mengtzu to Lao Kay are:
 - (1) To Man Hao (101-02, 21-30) by road, and then via Lung Po (103-37, 22-46) and P'ing Pien (103-40, 22-54) to Ba Xat (103-51, 22-36).
 - (2) To Lao Kay directly by road.
 - (3) From Yuanchiang (101-59, 23-38) to T'alang (101-41, 23-26), then by river to Lai Chau via Muong Boim.

2. Two supply routes currently being used from Kunming are:

- a. From Kunming via Yenshan (104-19, 23-36) and Wenshan (104-14, 23-22), to Thanh Thuy and Ha Giang.
- b. The river route to Lao Kay.

Both supply routes are well guarded.

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